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SUBJECT: MAQARIN DAM - NEXT STEPS

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SUMMARY: ON BASIS REF A AND GOVERNMENT OF JORDAN'S
CONCURRENCE TO PROVIDE HARZA INTERIM REPORT TO ISRAELIS,
STATE/AID PREPARED SEND TECHNICAL TEAM TO ISRAEL FOR
DISCUSSIONS DESCRIBED BELOW.

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1. WE PLEASED WITH KING'S FAVORABLE REACTION TO INFORMAL
GOOD OFFICES ROLE BY U.S. AND IN HIS AGREEING TO MAKE
AVAILABLE HARZA INTERIM REPORT TO ISRAELIS. ON THAT BASIS
AND AS PROPOSED REF B, STATE/AID PREPARED TO SEND
TECHNICAL TEAM TO ISRAEL TO:

A. PROVIDE HARZA REPORT WITH EXPLANATION OF CHANGES RESULTING FROM NOVEMBER 29-30 MEETING WITH GOJ IN WASHINGTON;

B. ASCERTAIN GOI REACTION TO HARZA REPORT SO WE CAN BETTER UNDERSTAND THE GOI POSTURE;

C. REQUEST GOI PROVIDE TECHNICAL DATA RELATING TO MAQARIN DAM AND DOWNSTREAM WATER CONVEYANCES WHICH GOJ/HARZA COULD USE IN PREPARATION FINAL MAQARIN DAM FEASIBILITY STUDY;

D. POSE QUESTIONS CONTAINED REF E, EXCLUDING QUESTION 3.J, AND SEEK GOI RESPONSES AS BACKGROUND FOR MAQARIN DAM/YARMOUK RIVER WATER RIGHTS ISSUES.

2. TECHNICAL TEAM WILL CONSIST OF: SELIG A. TAUBENBLATT, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT, BUREAU FOR NEAR EAST, AID, TEAM LEADER (TAUBENBLATT ALSO CHAIRMAN, STATE/AID STEERING COMMITTEE ON MAQARIN WATER RIGHTS); WILLIAM ROMIG, AID WATER RESOURCE ENGINEERING CONSULTANT; AND RICHARD BAXTER, PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, HARVARD UNIVERSITY, AND AID CONSULTANT. REQUEST EMBASSY/TEL AVIV DESIGNATE MEMBER EMBASSY STAFF TO JOIN TECHNICAL TEAM FOR PARTICIPATION IN MEETING.

3. IN ORDER MAKE BEST USE TIME AVAILABLE AND CONSIDERING PROFESSOR BAXTER CAN ONLY PARTICIPATE FOR ABOUT 3-4 DAY PERIOD, PROPOSE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE/SEQUENCE FOR MEETINGS
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WITH GOI. TAUBENBLATT AND ROMIG WILL ARRIVE TEL AVIV JANUARY 25 WITH APPROPRIATE BRIEFING OF AND BY EMBASSY STAFF MORNING JANUARY 26. MEETING COULD BE SET UP WITH GOI EITHER AFTERNOON JANUARY 26 OR JANUARY 27. DURING FIRST MEETING WITH GOI, TAUBENBLATT/ROMIG WILL MAKE HARZA REPORT AVAILABLE TO GOI AND EXPLAIN CHANGES IN HARZA REPORT RESULTING FROM NOVEMBER 29-30 MEETING. WOULD ALSO ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS POSED BY ISRAELIS SPECIFICALLY RELATING TO HARZA REPORT. THEREAFTER WE WILL GIVE GOI OFFICIALS A FEW DAYS TO REVIEW REPORT AND FOCUS ON TYPES OF GOI TECHNICAL DATA THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO GOJ/HARZA IN PREPARATION FINAL FEASIBILITY STUDY AND ON QUESTIONS POSED BY PROFESSOR BAXTER (TRANSMITTED REF E). BAXTER WILL ARRIVE ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 29 TO JOIN TECHNICAL TEAM. THEREAFTER PROPOSE SECOND MEETING BE SET UP WITH GOI ON JANUARY 30 TO ASCERTAIN GOI REACTION TO HARZA REPORT, OBTAIN ANY TECHNICAL DATA WHICH GOI PREPARED MAKE AVAILABLE TO GOJ/HARZA, AND DISCUSS WITH GOI REF E QUESTIONS. IF NECESSARY, FOLLOW-UP MEETING WOULD TAKE

PLACE ON JANUARY 31. BAXTER WOULD PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS
ON JANUARY 30 AND 31 AND DEPART FEBRUARY 1 TO RETURN U.S.

4. FOLLOWING MEETING WITH GOI, TAUBENBLATT AND ROMIG WILL
VISIT AMMAN TO BRIEF AMBASSADOR ON MEETINGS WITH
ISRAELIS AND, DEPENDING ON INFORMATION OBTAINED IN ISRAEL,
AND AT AMBASSADOR'S DISCRETION, WOULD BE PREPARED TO MAKE
SUCH INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO GOJ. TAUBENBLATT VISIT TO

AMMAN TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED BETWEEN FEBRUARY 2-7. HE ALSO
PLANS DISCUSS AID FY 1977 AND FY 1978 PROGRAM MATTERS WITH
USAID.

5. FOR TEL AVIV: REQUEST EMBASSY INFORM GOI THAT U.S.
PREPARED TO PLAY INFORMAL GOOD OFFICES ROLE WITH RESPECT
TO MAKING AVAILABLE HARZA REPORT AND FACILITATING FLOW OF
INFORMATION TO ISRAEL AND JORDAN ON MAQARIN DAM/YARMOUK
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RIVER PROJECT INCLUDING RELATED WATER RIGHTS ISSUES. IT
IS IMPORTANT TO STRESS NEED TO TREAT HARZA INTERIM REPORT
AS CONFIDENTIAL, RESTRICTING ITS DISTRIBUTION ONLY TO
THOSE WHO NEED TO BE INVOLVED, IF WE ARE TO PRESERVE
CONFIDENCE OF BOTH SIDES IN THIS MATTER. YOU COULD ALSO
INFORM GOI OF TECHNICAL TEAM COMPOSITION AND CONFIRM
TIMETABLE FOR MEETING PER PARA 3 ABOVE. PLEASE ADVISE
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